Village Electrification in Madhya Pradesh

1472. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50,000 villages were electrified in Madhya Pradesh upto May, 1988; and

(b) what is the number of villages which remain to be electrified and by when all the villages in the State will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) 51,777 inhabited villages in Madhya Pradesh have been electrified by the end of May, 1988.

(b) 19, 575 villages (1981 census) remain to be electrified as on 31-5-1988 in Madhya Pradesh. All the villages are expected to be electrified by the end of Eighth Plan subject to availability of resources and other inputs.

Execution of 800 KW transmission line between Manpur and J and K

1473. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the execution work of the 800 KW transmission line from Manpur to J&K;

(b) whether the work has been entrusted to the National Hydro Power Corporation; and

(c) what will be the expenditure on this project and to what extent it will be beneficial to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation have submitted to the Central Electricity Authority for its techno-economic consideration a Project Report for the construction of 800 KV transmission line from Manpur (Jammu & Kashmir) to Moga (Punjab), at an estimated cost of about Rs. 196 crores. This transmission line has been proposed for the evacuation of power from the various hydroelectric projects being set up in Jammu & Kashmir, and to facilitate the dispersal of power from these projects to the other beneficiary States in the Northern region.

New Electronic Telephone Exchange at Khurja

1474. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Japanese electronic telephone exchange is going to be established at Khurja in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh; if so, by when it will start functioning; and

(b) how many new telephone connections will be given to the consumers of that place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. It is expected to start functioning by March, 1989.

(b) Existing connections will be transferred to this exchange and about 50 new connections will be given.

Licensed capacity for the manufacture of PSF

1475. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the licensed manufacturers of Polyester Staple Fibre in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of these manufacturers have been working below their licensed capacity;

(c) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the licences of these manufacturers for not utilising the full capacity; and